

III. Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the abstract as follows:

"A STEERING WHEEL"

A steering wheel is disclosed, the steering wheel comprising a frame as radially outwardly-extending spokes (3,4) and a rim (5). The frame defines a recess to receive an air-bag unit 9. The steering wheel is provided with a number of mounting elements (26) associated with a respective spoke (3,4). Each mounting element (26) is connected to the steering wheel and has a portion (27) overlying part of the steering wheel. The air-bag unit (9) is connected to each mounting element (26) by means of a resiliently-biased connection to permit relative movement of the air-bag unit (9) with respect to the steering wheel, such that the peripheral part of the air-bag unit (9) defines a pre-determined gap between itself and the overlying portion (27) of the mounting element (26).